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Testimony in **support** of Bill No. **5409** (An Act Concerning Application Requirements For A Temporary State Permit To Carry A Pistol Or A Revolver)

The current process for applications for firearms permits is flawed in the sense that it requires local authorities to determine an applicant's suitability without providing a workable definition of suitability. This has caused a rather large inequality from town to town when it comes to what steps an applicant is required to take in order to get through the permit process.

A set of evenly applied statewide permit application requirements would go a long way toward making the process fair and would place applicants on an even footing regardless of their town of residence.

This is a simple change that would clear up much confusion and also make it easier for towns to fulfill their obligations by clarifying their role in the process. I believe that this would also be very helpful in alleviating the backlog of cases pending before the Bureau of Firearms Permit Examiners.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

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